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SUBJ: THE PERONIST YOUTH IN THE POST-PERON PERIOD

1. SUMMARY: THE PERONIST YOUTH (JP) HAVE IN THE WAKE OF PERON'S DEATH INDICATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR MRS PERON AND CONSTITUTIONAL SUCCESSION AND HAVE BEEN REASSESSING THEIR OWN POLITICAL SITUATION. THE LEFTIST "REVOLUTIONARY TENDENCY", THE LARGEST AND MOST TROUBLESOME JP FACTION, WHILE VOICING THEIR SUPPORT, WILL AWAIT AN INDICATION OF THE ABILITY OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEMS IT FACES BEFORE DECIDING HOW TO BEST TURN THE SITUATION TO THEIR ADVANTAGE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PERONIST YOUTH, LIKE EVERY OTHER POLITICAL SECTOR, HAVE IN THE WAKE OF PERON'S DEATH INDICATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR MRS PERON AND CONSTITUTIONAL SUCCESSION. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN FORCED TO REASSESS THEIR OWN SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THEIR ROLE WITHIN THE MOVEMENT IN ORDER TO PLAN THEIR POST-PERON STRATEGY.

3. THE LARGEST AND MOST TROUBLESOME SEGMENT OF THE PERONIST YOUTH (JP), THE SO CALLED REVOLUTIONARY TENDENCY, IS ENGAGED IN THIS ASSESSMENT PROCESS. AN INDICATION OF THEIR POSITION, CONFIDENTIAL

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AT LEAST IN THE SHORT RUN, WAS GAINED RECENTLY WHEN A NEW

MAGAZINE APPEARED WHICH REPRESENTS THIS GROUP AND FROM AN INTERVIEW AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT HAD WITH TWO OF THE TENDENCY'S LEADERS. THE MAGAZINE, LA CAUSA PERONISTA, IS AN OBVIOUS REPLACEMENT FOR EL DESCAMISADO AND EL PERONISTA, BOTH OF WHICH WERE CLOSED DOWN BY THE GOA. IT IS EDITED BY THE WELL KNOWN LEFTIST JP LEADER RODOLFO GALIMBERTI. THE TWO OTHER JP LEADERS WHO WERE INTERVIEWED BY THE NEWSMAN WERE MARIO FIRMEINICH OF THE MONTONEROS AND DARDO CABO FORMERLY EDITOR OF EL DESCAMISADO.

4. FROM THE MAGAZINE AND THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE INTERVIEWS GIVEN TO AN EMBOFF BY THE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT AT LEAST INITIALLY THE LEFTIST PERONIST YOUTH WILL SUPPORT MRS PERON BUT WILL APPLY PRESSURE TO SEE THE TYPE OF SOCIAL POLICIES IMPLEMENTED THAT THEY DESIRE. THEY WILL LIKE MOST EVERYONE ELSE ADOPT A WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE AT LEAST FOR THE FIRST FEW WEEKS WHILE THE MOVEMENT SORTS ITSELF OUT ANDWHILE AN INDICATION IS GAINED OF THE ABILITY OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO CPE WITH THE PROBLEMS IT FACES.

5. BOTH THE MAGAZINE AND THE TWO JP LEADERS FELT THAT THE PROPER STRATEGY HAD BEEN USED THUS FAR BY THEIR SECTOR OF THE MOVEMENT. DESPITE AT TIMES HARSH CRITICISM FROM PERON THESE YOUTH CONTINUED TO CALL THEMSELVES PERONISTS AND AND AVOIDED LEAVING THE MOVEMENT SO THAT TEY COULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE PERONIST MASSES THEY HOPE TO REPRESENT.

6. AT THE SAME TIME, IF IT APPERS THAT MRS PERON IS DOOMED TO FAILURE, THEY WILL BE LOOKING TO MAKE THE BEST OF THE SITUATION FOR THEMSELVES. THE LEFTIST JP HAS ALREADY HELD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS SINCE PERONS DEATH WITH BALBIN AND OTHER PTLITICAL LEADERS. THE IDEA OF A LEFTIST COLAITION IS NO DOUBT NEVER VERY FAR FROM THEIR MINDS. THE BIGGEST LIMITING FACTOR ON THE RANGE OF OPTIONS OPERN TO THEM WILL BE THE DEGREE TO WHICH MRS PERON CAN CONTROL THE DIVERSE MOVEMENT SHE HAS INHERITED FROM HER HUSBAND.

7. FIRMEINICH AND CABO WHEN ASKED ABOUT THEIR BITTER ENEMY,
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LPEZ REGA, SURPRISINGLY DID NOT CONSIDER HIM A PROBLEM. WHILE THEY RECOGNIZED HIS INFLUENCE ON MRS PERON THEY FELT HE WOULD BE FINISHED WITHIN A MATTER OF WEEKS--THE IMPLICATION BEING THAT HE WOULD EITHER LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT OR BE KILLED.

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